

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY: Mr. Jordan, Mr. Turner, Mr. Gosar, Ms. Foxx, Mr. Grothman, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Higgins of Louisiana, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Biggs, Ms. Mace, Mr. LaTurner, Mr. Fallon, Mr. Donalds, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Perry, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Burchett, Mrs. Greene of Georgia, Mrs. McClain, Mrs. Boebert, Mr. Fry, Mrs. Luna, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Langworthy, Mr. Burlison.

Ms. STEFANIK. (During the reading.) Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the reading.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND RANKING A MEMBER ON A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 71

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY: Ms. Lofgren, Ms. Jackson Lee, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Cicilline, Mr. Swalwell, Mr. Lieu, Ms. Jayapal, Mr. Correa, Ms. Scanlon, Mr. Neguse, Mrs. McBath, Ms. Dean of Pennsylvania, Ms. Escobar, Ms. Ross, Ms. Bush, Mr. Ivey.

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY: Ms. Norton, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Krishnamoorthi, Mr. Khanna, Mr. Mfume, Ms. Ocasio-Cortez, Ms. Porter, Ms. Bush, Mr. Gomez, Ms. Brown, Ms. Stansbury, Mr. Robert Garcia of California, Mr. Frost, Ms. Balint, Ms. Lee of Pennsylvania, Mr. Casar, Ms. Crockett, Mr. Goldman of New York, Mr. Moskowitz.

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, ranked as follows on the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. Torres of New York (to rank immediately after Ms. Tlaib).

Mr. AGUILAR (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE UNITED STATES GROUP OF THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's ap-

pointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly:

Mr. GUTHRIE of Kentucky
Mr. DUNN of Florida
Mr. BERGMAN of Michigan
Mrs. WAGNER of Missouri
Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania
Mr. MCCORMICK of Georgia

HONORING THE LIFE OF DICK FLOOD

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Dick Flood, or as many residents of the First District knew him, "Okefenokee Joe."

Flood was a singer, songwriter, entertainer, environmentalist, and in the south of Georgia, a local legend.

Okefenokee Joe lived in the Okefenokee Swamp for 10 years, learning firsthand about plants and animals in the area. He was well known to Georgia public broadcast viewers for his 1988 documentary, "The Joy of Snakes."

Flood also hosted the Emmy Award-winning Georgia Public Broadcast Television documentary, "Swampwise."

In the 1950s and 1960s, he wrote numerous songs for popular country music musicians.

This loss will be felt by all of us in the First District, and particularly for those that live in and around the Okefenokee Swamp.

On a personal note, when I was dating my wife, we went to see Okefenokee Joe at the Okefenokee Swamp, and I will never forget that.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Flood's family.

REPUBLICAN PLANS TO ENACT A 30 PERCENT SALES TAX

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to criticize the Republican plan to enact a 30 percent sales tax. This move would cost American families millions of dollars with higher prices for food and household necessities, and it would provide millions to the already wealthiest 1 percent of Americans.

Remember when many of these House Republicans were running for office? They claimed to make inflation and other economic factors their number one priority. Instead, their priority has been to make it easier to mislead the American people, stock committees with people who want to overthrow the country and increase prices on everything from gasoline to groceries to punish working-class Americans.

Thankfully, we have a Democratic Senate to shut down these abuses of power and protect the American people.

RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE YMCA OF CENTRE COUNTY'S ANTI-HUNGER PROGRAM

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Alpha Fire Company in State College and the Logan Fire Company in Bellefonte as well as their volunteers who collected community donations for the YMCA of Centre County's Anti-Hunger Program.

Mr. Speaker, these volunteers collected community donations of shelf-stable food totaling more than 24,000 pounds during a 4-hour "Canuary Food Drive" on Saturday at four Centre County Weis Markets locations.

Neighbors helping neighbors strengthens our community. As we continue to see rising food costs and record inflation, more and more families are turning to local food banks for food assistance.

The idea of "Canuary" started at the Port Matilda Elementary School but quickly became a large-scale community effort as volunteers from all over the area started offering to help.

Mr. Speaker, as someone who served for decades as a volunteer firefighter, I am happy to see the support they continue to provide to the community.

The "Canuary" Food Drive will aid in the effort and continues through the remainder of the month, with many churches, businesses, schools, offices, and student groups participating.

Congratulations on a successful weekend food drive.

IN MEMORY OF HILDA BEATRICE MACFARLAND

(Mr. VARGAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hilda Beatrice MacFarland.

Hilda was born in National City, California, in 1949. She was a pioneer and a trailblazing woman in the 1970s when the Mexican-American community was still relying on demonstration politics.

Hilda worked for Housing and Urban Development, and she managed the senior citizen building Horton House in San Diego. She was heavily involved with countless nonprofit organizations where she fought for the poor, working-class, and elderly rights in the county.

In 1976, Hilda was the first major contributor to La Gloria Infantil Orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico, and spent her entire life providing services to the orphanage.

She was a heroic woman who stood up for education and human rights. She helped her community with the entirety of her heart and soul. With her strong and genuine spirit, she stood up for the disenfranchised, the abandoned, and the injured wherever she was.

Hilda was loved by many and influenced so many of us. Her accomplishments and contributions to the community were profound, and she will be sorely missed.

CONGRATULATING THE MISHAWAKA CAVEMEN

(Mr. YAKYM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a special group of Hoosiers who recently made their hometown very proud.

Earlier this month, the Mishawaka Cavemen won the 3A State title in wrestling for the fourth time in school history. Their return as State champions was 13 years in the making for the Cavemen, and it wasn't easy.

To take home the title, the Cavemen first had to go through the defending State champs, Columbus East, which they did on their way to an exhilarating 43-31 win.

As Head Coach Steve Sandefer said: "You have to wrestle for the guy next to you." I think that is the kind of team-first mindset that every wrestler embraced wholeheartedly. It is a big part of why they and the Mishawaka community are celebrating. I know it is an attitude that will serve these young men well in their future careers and family lives.

I know one more thing. That approach of rallying to pick up a teammate when they are down is something that our country could use a whole lot more of.

Congratulations to Coach Sandefer, his dedicated staff, and all the wrestlers on their big win.

God bless you. Go Cavemen.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE DOWN ON THE GOVERNMENT

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of North Carolina's First Congressional District.

Right now, the American people are down on the government and tired of the politics of division.

When I am at home in the district, I am reminded that there is still hope for the future, for the American Dream.

Mr. Speaker, eastern North Carolinians are tired of what they see in Washington. They want us, Democrats and Republicans, to do right by them, to find solutions to the most pressing issues being discussed at the dinner table.

Mr. Speaker, I will do just that. I will fight to ensure those who fought to defend our freedoms do not have to fight their country to survive. I will fight to ensure our families and farmers are better connected, because they, too, deserve every resource to thrive.

Mr. Speaker, I will fight to ensure our most vulnerable communities have access to affordable healthcare. We owe it to our communities. We must act together.

TAX RELIEF FOR FAMILIES

(Mr. LAWLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to bring this body's attention to the urgent need to provide tax relief for families in districts like mine.

Folks in the Hudson Valley are facing an affordability crisis due to record inflation, skyrocketing energy costs, and the arbitrary cap on State and local taxes, otherwise known as SALT, placed on residents of States like New York in 2017.

It effectively leads to double taxation in a part of our country which already pays among the highest taxes in the Nation. In Rockland and Westchester Counties, for instance, we pay the highest property taxes in the country, averaging well over \$10,000.

That is why I have introduced legislation, with bipartisan support of my colleagues Representatives D'ESPOSITO and SHERILL, to begin to address this. The SALT Marriage Penalty Elimination Act would correct the flaw created by the original SALT cap that penalizes married couples filing jointly by lifting their deduction to \$20,000 rather than \$10,000. This small change would significantly help families in my district and across the country.

Ultimately, we need to repeal this arbitrary cap in full, but in the meantime, we can take concrete steps to provide hardworking taxpayers in New York and across the country real tax relief.

SUPPORTING THE GREAT LAKES

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, as the Representative for the First District of Indiana, I rise today to express my appreciation for the provisions in the fiscal year 2023 omnibus bill that support the Great Lakes.

As the largest body of freshwater in the world, the Great Lakes and the Lake Michigan shoreline in northwest Indiana powered our Nation's industrial revolution and steel production capabilities, and today we continue to harness our region's environmental wonders to grow our economy.

I am grateful that the 2023 omnibus bill included robust funds for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, my Com-

munity Project Funding request to improve our shoreline and the Michigan City Harbor, as well as the provisions championed by my friend, Representative MARCY KAPTUR, to establish the Great Lakes Authority.

As we move forward, I look forward to continuing to work through the appropriations process to support the economic strength and environmental protection of Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes.

THE SCOURGE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues of the scourge of human trafficking and its impact on children.

It is well known that human trafficking is more profitable than drug trafficking because the vicious cycle of using someone over and over again is both profitable and obviously devastating for that human being.

In children and youth, they are used for sex trafficking. It is well known that you are apt to be trafficked from your school, from your primary or secondary school, online.

So I have introduced H.R. 30. I ask my colleagues to join me in the Stop Human Trafficking in School Zones Act, in which I am joined by my colleague, Congressman McCAUL, the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

We have seen human trafficking go beyond the borders of this Nation. It is international. It is dastardly, as I said. It is in airports. It is in bathrooms in public transit places.

I want to congratulate the NTZ operation in my own community that has stopped human trafficking at sports arenas.

Let's protect children. Join H.R. 30, the Stop Human Trafficking in School Zones Act.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-252. A letter from the Associate Administrator, National Organic Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Organic Program (NOP); Strengthening Organic Enforcement